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I got this from Congressman Kilmer's office.

<https://www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/uniform-national-discharge-standards-unds-homepage>

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The Uniform National Discharge Standards (UNDS) set national performance standards that require the use of marine pollution control devices (MPCDs) to control discharges incidental to the normal operation of Armed Forces vessels. The EPA and the Department of Defense (DOD) are given authority, under [Section 312 of the Clean Water Act](#) (10 pp, 170 K, [About PDF](#)), to develop these standards.

The EPA and the DOD anticipate that the standards will enhance environmental protection of U.S. waters by creating nationally protective standards for vessels of the Armed Forces. UNDS will achieve two results. The first is that U.S. Armed Forces vessels can continue to meet operational requirements. The second is that these national standards will reduce the environmental impacts associated with these discharges, stimulate the development of improved pollution control devices and advance the development of environmentally sound military vessels.

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